

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 and 25 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 7 and 25 are amended by the present amendment. Support for the amended can be found in the original specification, claims and drawings.¹ No new matter is presented.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1-7 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Aotake (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,771).

Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent Claims 1, 6, 7 and 25 state novel features clearly not taught or rendered obvious by the applied reference.

Claim 1 relates to an information processing apparatus having a recording unit configured to record a first supplied picture and a reproducing unit configured to reproduce a second recorded picture. A display controlling unit provides display control causing a first user interface to be displayed when the recording unit records the first picture supplied and to display a second user interface when the reproducing unit reproduces the second picture recorded. Further, Claim 1 is amended to clarify that the first and second user interface *each display a recording button* through which a user can input orders for operating the recording unit *and a playback button* through which a user can input orders for operating the reproducing unit.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, an information processing apparatus, comprising:

...said first and said second user interfaces *each display a recording button* through which to input orders for operating said recording unit and *a playback button* through which to input orders for operating said reproducing unit.

Amended independent Claims 6, 7 and 25 recite substantially similar features, and therefore the arguments presented below also apply to these claims.

¹ e.g., specification, Figs. 9-10 and 14-16.

Turning to the applied reference, Aotake describes a picture processing apparatus which uses screen change parameters to capture still images representative of various points of a recorded image.² Specifically, Fig. 7 of Aotake depicts a user interface displayed when operating in the record mode to record a supplied picture; and Fig. 15 depicts a user interface displayed when a moving video image file is reproduced.

As depicted in Figs. 7 and 15, Aotake fails to teach or suggest that the recording interface and reproduction interface *each display a recording button* through which orders may be input for operating said recording unit and a *playback button* through which orders may be input to operate the reproducing unit, as recited in Claim 1.

The Advisory Action of September 30, 2005, cites Fig. 7 of Aotake and describes that the slicover software application includes 5 software applications: a slip recorder, a clip editor, a clip viewer, a CD creator, and a CD copy tool.³ When the “SlipClip” item is clicked by operating the mouse (22), five items representing the five application programs are displayed on the screen. When the user selects one of these items, the application corresponding to that item, and its corresponding interface, are launched.

Amended Claim 1 recites displaying “a first user interface when said recording unit records said first picture supplied and to display a second user interface when said reproducing unit reproduces said second picture recorded”. In order for the recorder (Fig. 7) and the viewer (Fig. 15) of Aotake to be displayed, the user must first select one of the items, noted above. Therefore, the interface displayed in Aotake, allowing a user to select one of the five application programs to launch, does not correspond to displaying a first and second interface for recording and reproducing pictures, as recited in amended Claim 1, because no recorder or viewer interfaces are displayed until a user selects an item.

² Aotake at abstract.

³ Advisory Action of September 30, 2005, p. 2.

As discussed on p. 3 of the Advisory Action, after the user selects one of the items, an interface allowing the user to perform, for example, viewing (Fig. 15) and recording (Fig. 7) is provided. However, the viewing interface and recording interface, depicted in Figs. 15 and 7, respectively, fail to ***each display a recording button*** through which orders may be input for operating said recording unit and a ***playback button*** through which orders may be input to operate the reproducing unit, as recited in Claim 1.

As depicted in an exemplary non-limiting embodiment in Figs. 9-10 in the specification, the content recording and/or playback interface both display the same recording (142) and playback button (144). In addressing the ***recording button*** and ***playback button***, features recited in Claim 1, the outstanding Advisory Action asserts that the mouse (22) corresponds to these features and specifically states that

It can be seen from the above that the mouse 22 (record and playback button) is commonly shared by the recording button and playback button, because with the mouse 22, the user can select from the main window display of Fig. 7 either the record operation or the playback operation through the first record user interface of Fig. 7 and the second reproduction user interface of Fig. 15.

However, as discussed above, Claim 1 is amended to clarify that “the first and the second user interfaces ***each display a recording button*** through which to input orders for operating said recording unit and a ***playback button*** through which to input orders for operating said reproducing unit.” The Advisory Action relies on the mouse (22) as corresponding to the recording and playback buttons for the respective user interfaces, but it is clear that the mouse can not be a button that is ***displayed*** on each of the recording and reproduction interfaces. Further, as depicted in Figs. 7 and 15, Aotake's recorder interface (Fig. 7) does not display a ***playback button***, and the playback interface (Fig. 15) does not display a ***recording button***.

Therefore, Aotake fails to teach or suggest that a first and a second user interface ***each display a recording button*** through which to input orders for operating said recording unit

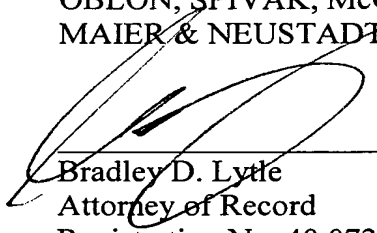
and *a playback button* through which to input orders for operating said reproducing unit, as recited in Claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn. For substantially the same reasons as given with respect to amended Claim 1, it is submitted that independent Claims 6, 7 and 25 also patentably define over Aotake.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 1-7 and 25 is patentably distinguishing over the applied references. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of the application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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